



DNR Reports... by Glenn Therres

The Christmas season is now over and our wallets weigh less than they did before. No, the wallet was not lost while doing a Christmas bird count. It weighs less because of all those gifts purchased. Some of those presents may have included field guides, bird feeders, binoculars, backpacks or other outdoor recreation products. Purchasing these products in the future may help pay for the conservation of the birds and other wildlife we enjoy watching. How?

There is a federal funding initiative underway called "Teaming With Wildlife" that is trying to secure adequate and stable funding for nongame wildlife. I introduced you to this fish and wildlife diversity funding initiative last spring in my column.

Spearheaded by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, this initiative is attempting to secure \$350 million annually to go to the 50 state fish and wildlife agencies for fish and wildlife diversity conservation. There is an ever growing number of organizations supporting this effort, including American Birding Association, National Audubon Society, Audubon Naturalist Society and National Wildlife Federation. If successful, Maryland could receive as much as \$5.1 million new dollars for nongame and endangered species projects. This money will be used for conservation, recreation and education efforts.

How will this money be generated? A federal surcharge on a variety of outdoor products is being pursued. This surcharge will not exceed 5% and will be assessed at the manufacturers' level. Products being considered are bird feeders, seed, field guides, binoculars, scopes, cameras, film, tents, backpacks and other outdoor recreation equipment. The funds would be collected by the U.S. Treasury and deposited into a special account to be distributed to the state fish and wildlife agencies based on a pre-established formula. This is modeled after the highly successful Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts which provide funds for game management. A federal excise tax on guns, ammunition and fishing equipment generates \$350 million annually from hunters and fishermen.

There is growing Congressional support for Teaming With Wildlife. The initiative has bipartisan support. It fits into the current trend in Congress to place more responsibility on the states. It will not increase the size of the federal government, and it is a user-pay/user-benefit approach.

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A Tribute: to Barbara Bilsborough by Linda Bystrak

Miss Barbara Bilsborough has been banding birds since about 1974. She obtained her permit after retirement and has been banding ever since. She doesn't remember how many school children have watched her band, but they began visiting her at tum Suden when she and Gladys Cole used to band birds there together. Barbara has been banding birds for Harford County school children, 1-2 days a week, for at least 15 years. The last few years were made a bit easier when the Harford Chapter built a pavilion at Harford Glen Nature Center to be used as a banding station and teaching area. A motor home parked next to the pavilion on banding days also provided a warm place to go between school groups. Sue Heselton and several other Harford County MOS members have been assisting Barbara for several years. Sue hopes to continue the banding operating in the Spring.

Barbara is now 79 years old. She has decided to move this spring to Fair Haven, in Sykesville, Maryland. They have lots of woods and open space nearby and plenty of bird feeders, which we hope will keep Barbara busy.

On behalf of the MOS Education Committee, I would like to thank Barbara Bilsborough for all the research data she has collected over the last 20 years as a bander and for allowing thousands of students and adults watch her at work. She transformed a straightforward research project into an educational experience for thousands of people. Most people take birds for granted, unless something out of the ordinary catches their attention. Barbara created an ornithological experience for thousands of students. We hope that they will remember how special it is to hold a wild bird in their hand, and that they will be more conscious about the needs of our wildlife. If they do, it will be because of people who care, like Barbara.



Another Home Page — Thanks to the efforts of Kathleen Neugebauer, the Montgomery Chapter now has a home page on the World Wide Web. Montgomery's page, which can be reached at <http://www.wdn.com/mccbird/index.html>, is still being set up, and will feature information on Chapter meeting dates, programs, field trips, and membership, as well as rare bird alerts. With the debut of the home page, Montgomery joined the ranks of the Baltimore Chapter, which began its page earlier this year.

Nest box workshop — The Harford Chapter will hold its fourth annual nest box workshop, in cooperation with the Philadelphia Electric Company, on Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Conowingo Dam Visitors Center. Orders for rough-cut cedar nest boxes are being taken until Friday, February 2, by Randy & Diane Robertson ((410) 273-9029). Chapter members will cut out each box to the proper dimensions and drill all necessary holes. On the day of the workshop, those who placed orders will pick up their prefabricated boxes for assembly on site, or for putting together later, at home.

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Sanctuary News by Dotty Mumford

On October 21, 1995, the Caroline Chapter honored the late Jerry and Roberta Fletcher, founders of their Chapter, at Pelot Sanctuary. Money donated in the memory of Roberta Fletcher was used to refurbish the sanctuary's sign, create a spot with seating along the main trail, and clear the walking trails.

Pelot Sanctuary was named after Myrtle Simons Pelot who bequeathed enough money to purchase the property in 1974. Jerry Fletcher was in charge of finding and purchasing the property. Over the years, the Fletchers have acted as volunteer caretakers of the property. Their son Bob Fletcher and his family have continued to help the club maintain Pelot Sanctuary. Maintaining the sanctuary is an on-going job, requiring pruning, clearing the trails, repairing footbridges, and picking up garbage along the roadside.

Roberta kept a list of the birds seen at Pelot. The list has passed 90 species and it has now been passed along to Ethel Engle of Tanyard, who will continue to maintain and expand it. Roberta also knew her wildflowers and identified many of the plants growing throughout the sanctuary.

When you walk along the trails at Pelot, give a thought to the couple who contributed so much to Pelot Sanctuary, to the Caroline Chapter, and to their community. A part of Jerry and Roberta will live on at Pelot Sanctuary.

The workday at Irish Grove on October 28 was attended by 27 volunteers, who built two more footbridges, painted the latrine roof, patched the house siding, and cleaned out the tool shed, banding station, and the open end of the dining shelter. The never-ending jobs of pruning the shrubbery and cleaning the house were also taken care of. The Wicomico Chapter again provided their traditional turkey dinner. Our thanks to Ruth Denit for the turkeys. Twelve people spent Saturday night and enjoyed birding along Rumbly Point Road and a slide show presented by Joy Wheeler. More birding and some tying up of loose ends filled Sunday.

Peter Sutherland, of the Wicomico Chapter, arranged for the removal of the dead elm tree which was precariously hanging over the kitchen. Luckily the tree was removed on November 9, just two days before the big windstorm hit the area. Thank you, Peter! The fields were mowed the week of November 6, the plumbing in the house has been

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Chapter Chatter

Cost of the boxes, which covers wood and hardware, varies with the type of box. Four types are available: (1) House Wren, Prothonotary Warbler, Nuthatch, Chickadee, and Titmouse box (\$7); (2) Bluebird box (\$8); (3) Kestrel, Screech Owl box (\$13.50); and (4) bat house (\$10.50). Anyone wishing to help build the boxes should call Randy Robertson at the above number.

Baltimore's new Bald Eagle — The Bird Museum at Baltimore's Cylburn Mansion now has its first stuffed, mature Bald Eagle. The bird had lived in a cage at the Baltimore Zoo for 23 years. Museum curator Patsy Perlman recently got the frozen specimen from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and took it to taxidermists in Winchester, VA, for stuffing. Says Patsy, "All are invited to come and see the eagle and the other birds in the collection." Be sure to call Cylburn before coming, though, to check museum hours: (410) 396-0180. This latest museum acquisition was funded by a \$200 grant to the Baltimore Bird Club from the State MOS Education Committee. The club is using another \$200 Education Committee grant to buy subscriptions to the Audubon Adventures series for six area schools.

Elementary school students report bird sightings online — The Baltimore Bird Club has a new, ten-year-old member, Corey Walters. Corey, an avid birder and a fifth-grader at Winand Elementary School, and another fifth-grader, Paul Ateuyi, will be using the Internet to report birds that they and other students observe in the Randallstown area, as part of the school's online computer training.

Keeping track of hawks and owls — The Cecil Chapter's hawkwatch logged more than 3,000 raptors this fall, including three Golden Eagles and many more Northern Goshawks than last year. In addition, Chapter volunteers helped band 334 Northern Saw-whet Owls at Maryland's third, and newest, Saw-whet banding station, in Cecil County.

Feeder tour — Each winter, birders in Harford County gather for a morning of feeder watching and food in the warmth and comfort of area homes. This year, the popular event will take place Saturday, January 13, with visits to three homes on the eastern outskirts of Bel Air. Hosting the tour will be club members Jean Wheeler, Dave & Macrina Seitz, and Kit Brown. To attend, call Bill McIntosh, (410) 734-6517, by Wednesday, January 10.



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For information on advertising rates and deadlines, contact the editor.

Copy deadlines for the March/April 1996 issue are:

March-May Calendar Activities:
January 25, 1996

All Other Submissions:
February 1, 1996

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DNR Reports . . .

What is needed is the support of the outdoor products industries. These industries need to hear from their customers that support Teaming With Wildlife. They need to know that you will continue to buy their products, even though a small surcharge may be applied to these items. The key is that the money generated by this surcharge goes directly into wildlife conservation.

Please consider writing to these companies in support of Teaming With Wildlife. Following are a few of the companies that birders should write to:

Droll Yankees, Inc. (bird feeders)
27 Mill Road
Foster, RI 02825
Attn: Ms. Betsy Colwell, President

The Nature Company
70 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710
Attn: Mr. Ed Strobin, CEO

Wild Bird Center
7687 MacArthur Blvd.
Cabin John, MD 20818
Attn: Mr. George Petrides, President

Bausch & Lomb Sports Optics
9200 Cody
Overland Park, KS 66214
Attn: Mr. Joseph Messner, President

Houghton Mifflin Publishers
222 Berkely Street
Boston, MA 02116
Attn: Mr. Nader Dareshori, CEO

I also have a list of the top 40 outdoor products companies if you are interested.

This letter writing campaign is working. Several optics companies, including Swift, Swarovski and Zeiss, are now supporting the initiative. Other outdoor products companies have expressed interest. A letter or two or three from you can make a difference.

Once legislation is proposed in Congress, support will be needed for that as well. I'll let you know when that happens. Thanks for your help!



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Sanctuary News

winterized, and a new combination lock has been installed on the house.

We send out a big Thank You to all the volunteers who made this work weekend the success that it was: Anne Arundel Chapter—Sue Hamilton, Kit Hasslehaff, Dotty Mumford, and Sue Ricciardi; Baltimore Chapter—Brent & Mary Byers, Mike Knott, Debbie Terry, and Joy Wheeler; Carroll Chapter—Barbara & George Gaffney, Bill Kulp, and Bob Ringler; Cecil Chapter—Paul & Linda Bystrak; Wicomico Chapter—Polly Batchelder, Celeste Bunting, Ruth Denit, Kay Gibbons, David & Julie Kubitsky, Griffin & Mable Martin, Elizabeth Pitney, Susan Potts, and Peter & Elaine Sutherland.

Please remember that overnight stays at the sanctuary houses require advance reservations. Carey Run is closed for the winter and will be available after May 1, 1996. Make your reservations with Charlotte Folk, 179 Mount Pleasant St., Frostburg, MD 21532 (301) 689-6587. The plumbing at Irish Grove has been winterized (in other words, you can't use it), but the house is available for use with the understanding that you bring your own water, and that you **do not** use the drains. The plumbing will be reinstated after April 1, 1996. Make your reservations with Shirley Taylor, 308 N. Boulevard, Salisbury, MD 21801 (410) 546-4717.

Proposed Changes at Greenbury Point, Annapolis by Norm Saunders

The Naval Radio Transmitting Facility (NRTF) Annapolis is located on a peninsula, known as Greenbury Point, that juts into the Chesapeake Bay on the northern shore of the Severn River. The 231-acre property has served as a base for Naval communications antennae since the 1930s and is currently the home to 16 antennas, ranging in height from 30 to 375 meters. The 1993 round of base closure recommendations included the NRTF and the result was that the facility was slated for discontinuance and the property was transferred to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Much of the NRTF property, particularly the southern end of Greenbury Point, has been managed as wildlife habitat. The Naval Academy intends to continue to maintain Greenbury Point as a wildlife refuge for conservation purposes. Indeed, the Anne Arundel Chapter of MOS generally has at least two field trips a year there. The winter trip has always been excellent for waterfowl, including great numbers of Common Gold-

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Tawes Award for a Clean Environment: Maryland's Annual Recognition Program

Nominations are now open for the 1996 Tawes Awards. This unique environmental recognition program, awarded by the Maryland Petroleum Council, honors individuals or organizations (private citizens, environmental volunteers, or professional response staffs) who have contributed to spill prevention, control, or proper re-use of petroleum products. We need your help in securing nominations.

Since 1977 the Tawes Awards have been specifically targeted towards adults. In 1992 the Tawes Youth Award was established to also recognize persons under the age of 21 for outstanding performances in environmental contributions.

We are looking for people who have come up with innovative ideas or projects in prevention, containment, or educating people about oil pollution. Petroleum by-products are vast and important to our lives and range from children's crayons to gasoline, heating oils, and many plastic products. Because of this we also want to recognize and encourage the recycling and innovative reuses of petroleum-based products as well as environmental and nature clean-up projects.

The awards can be given for either a one-time contribution or for performance over a period of time. Awards are presented at a luncheon held in the Spring. The winners receive handsome, engraved plaques. Runners-up receive certificates of commendation.

Thanks for your involvement. Nomination forms for either the Tawes Award or for the Tawes Youth Award may be requested from Don Schroeder at the Maryland Petroleum Council, (410) 269-1850, or from Christine Edwards at the Maryland Department of the Environment, (410) 631-3012. Nominations must be submitted by March 15, 1996. The Tawes Awards are co-sponsored by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland Petroleum Council.



The Conservation Connection

A Conservation Challenge: The Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative by Rich Dolesh

A study of the history of conservation in America makes several points clear. First, Americans have consistently and abundantly supported the cause of conservation throughout our nation's history. Second, we have responded pretty well to challenges, and we have some great success stories. Third, some of the most successful conservation initiatives have not been government mandated, but have been voluntary protection efforts. Finally, those who have contributed the most money for conservation, by far, have been hunters and anglers.

The first three of the points outlined above may seem to be self-evident truths. The fourth catches many people by surprise. Nevertheless, it is manifestly true, and continues to be true today. These funds have come from stamps, fees, and excise taxes. Stamps and fees have generated considerable funding, but the principal source of the hundreds of millions of dollars that have been raised for conservation of habitat has been the excise tax on the sale of equipment used in fishing and hunting.

Virtually all of the funds raised by the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts (also known as the Pittman-Robertson Fund), have been for the management of game species. Until very recently, there has been little commitment, especially voluntary, for the management and protection of non-game and endangered species.

Maryland has been a leader in the nation with the creation of the "Non-game and Endangered Species Fund," also known as the "Chickadee Check-off," a voluntary donation program funded by a check-off on state income tax returns. Also, Maryland implemented a very successful state license plate initiative, the "Treasure the Chesapeake" plates which revenue benefits the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund.

There has been no coordinated national effort for voluntary conservation funding of non-game and endangered species protection programs. At a time when conservation funding is at a dangerously low point, and expected to get even worse, a broad-based coalition of interests, led by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and supported by a number of national conservation groups, including the National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, the World Wildlife Fund, and others, has proposed a new nation-wide voluntary funding initiative based on enactment of an excise tax on the sale of a wide array of outdoor recreation equipment. The proposal is called The Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative, and is also called "Teaming With Wildlife."

This is an intriguing concept with considerable merit. Nature enthusiasts, bird watchers, and outdoor recreators have never paid the tab for conservation like hunters and fishermen have. This has diminished the effectiveness of our collective voice in the political realm, and it has prevented us from being full partners in the decision-making process on certain environmental issues. It has also prevented us from accomplishing as much as we would like to because of a lack of funding.

This proposal to create an excise tax on the sale of outdoor equipment, including cameras, binoculars, and other birding paraphernalia of up to five percent could raise up to \$350 million per year to be applied to state-based wildlife conservation, recreation, and education programs.

The Wildlife Diversity Initiative is broad-based and gathering momentum. At present, the primary focus is to enlist the voluntary support of a number of large outdoor equipment manufacturers such as L. L. Bean, Inc., Nikon, Bausch & Lomb, Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) and other similar corporations. These companies are being asked to back the initiative in word and deed.

This is not to say that the effort is not without its detractors. There are a number of national organizations who have not yet committed to supporting this initiative, and some who have refused to report it outright. There are many questions as to how the funds would be administered and applied, and there are concerns that real conservation priorities for habitat and species protection may not be met.

However, there is unquestionable merit in this plan. It is the most far-sighted initiative in a half-century, and it comes at a time when funding for habitat protection, education, and conservation is critically short and diminishing.

The Maryland Ornithological Society has been asked to support this initiative. We need your input and advice. At a minimum, please find out about the proposal. You can write or call the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, 444 North Capital St., N.W., Suite 544, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 624-7890. Take the time to drop me a line at 17800 Croom Road, Brandywine, MD 20613, to express your opinions and to indicate your priorities. We need to develop a coherent voice from MOS, and we need your help.



THE GUEST REVIEWER

A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic
by E. C. Pielou. 1994. University of Chicago Press,
Chicago and London. Index, black and white line
drawings, maps. 327 pages.

Reviewed by Joy Wheeler

Norm Saunders, our estimable editor, has from time to time sent me a few books to review. I found this one on my own, this one and an accompanying one, *After the Ice Age*, by the same author. In the deadly heat of summer 1995, reading of accumulations of thousands of years of Arctic ice and what lives within it is somewhat cooling, especially as I write this in my air-conditioned study. Descriptions of the Arctic sky, its seasons, its mirages, its ice caps and glaciers, permafrost, polygons and pingos, rivers and icebergs, do breathe cool breezes, if only in my mind.

I must confess that thinking about Arctic conditions and phenomena has not occupied very much of my time before seeing this book listed in the University of Chicago Press catalog, and it was largely because of the picture of the author that my interest was stirred enough to order the book. I didn't even consider that it might have information interesting to me as a birder. I was curious about just what a female naturalist would have to say about the diversity of life in North America above the Arctic Circle. From her postage-stamp sized picture in the catalog, she obviously knew how to dress for it, her face smiling out from a hat pulled down to her eyes, scarf wrapped up to her chin above a polar quality jacket, her hands encased in over-sized mittens.

Ms. Pielou's style of writing is as down to earth as her picture, simple and direct and easy to read. It does justice to what must be almost indescribably beautiful Arctic terrain as well as the natural

histories of its inhabitants. Things don't grow very long or very fast in the High Arctic. Surprisingly, four families of butterflies are found there, their caterpillars freezing solid in the winter and thawing out to resume life in the next warm season, repeating this sequence for several years before maturing. Only then does the butterfly emerge.

The first third of the book provides a foundation for the field guide chapters that follow: field guide to Arctic flowering plants; Arctic ferns and their relatives; mammals, fish, and insects; and, most importantly to us as birders, the birds of the Arctic. There are 63 pages dealing with birds, most of them familiar to us during migration or on their Middle Atlantic wintering grounds. Pielou's listings are true to field guide format, grouping them into families, describing species with good detail, showing breeding regions, and following with family characteristics and ecological peculiarities. The black and white line drawings are detailed enough to aid in identification. It makes good reading, but more than that, it looks useful in the field.

Life is difficult enough anywhere in the world and to me the Arctic has always seemed a rather forbidding place, what with stories of Admiral Peary and Amundsen and the Iditerod. However, Pielou has almost convinced me that in the High Arctic in the summertime the livin' may be easy enough to beckon for some serious exploration, for birds in particular. I applaud (and even envy) her years of observation and appreciate the years of records she has kept and translated into material so readable and compelling.

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Greenbury Point Annapolis

eneye and scaup species on the east side of the point, and the inevitable large raft of Canvasback on the western side of the point, at the entrance to Carr Creek, a raft which is always good for at least one or two Redheads. But the summer trip is the reason for the great popularity of Greenbury Point with the birders of Anne Arundel County: there have been between 16 and 20 nesting pairs of Osprey on Greenbury Point for the past 20 years, birds that nest and raise their young on platforms mounted on the antennas by John Schorpp, the chief of antenna maintenance here and the man in charge of environmental affairs on Greenbury Point. In addition to the nesting platforms, John has maintained numbers of bluebird, owl, and martin nesting boxes on the point.

All of this is by way of getting to the point of the article. The Navy has proposed to remove all of the antennas at NRTF Annapolis prior to turning the property over to the Naval Academy and they are currently attempting to evaluate the environmental impacts of alter-

native approaches to the removal of the towers. They will consider the no-action alternative, along with two alternatives for demolition and removal—conventional dismantling or explosives. Whatever action is selected, it won't happen until 1999, so there should be plenty of time for public comment on the alternatives. If you have an opinion on or comments regarding the proposed dismantling, please get in touch with Ms. Patricia Barrows, U.S. Naval Academy Public Affairs Office, (410) 293-2293. If you want to find out more about the position of the Anne Arundel Chapter to these proposed changes at the NRTF, contact the president of the Chapter, Steve Hult, at 7 Winslow Court, Annapolis, MD 21403 (410) 263-8095. Some preliminary dates for public review and comment have already passed, but it is still not too late to make your opinions heard. Is there a way to save the nesting platforms of so many Osprey in a cost-effective manner? Will the removal of the towers have a deleterious affect on the other wildlife of Greenbury Point? Raise your questions now, then voice your opinions as soon as possible!

The Guest



Reviewer

MOS Board Meeting, 19 Aug 1995
Official Minutes
 by Sybil Williams

The meeting, hosted by the Anne Arundel Chapter, was called to order by President Al Haury at 10:15 am on Saturday, August 19.

President: Al Haury thanked Anne Arundel for hosting the meeting. The minutes from the past meeting were approved. Thanks to everyone who worked on the Conference. Committees please submit annual reports. Bill McIntosh of Bylaws and Rodney Jones of Audit will step down. We have received \$1,637 from EFM. The next meetings will be Nov. 11, Feb. 10, and May 4.

Vice President: No report.

Treasurer: Larry thanked everyone for the service award. Jeff Metter took over the Treasurer's duties today. There was a move to have President, Vice President, or Treasurer conduct all financial affairs of the Society. It was seconded and approved.

Executive Secretary: Blue Brochures can be provided. Some old editions of Yellowbook still available.

Budget: No report.

Bylaws: Update manual of operations.

Conference: Thanks to everyone who worked on this year's conference. Next year the conference will be held at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, June 7-9. Mary Byers will be Chairman.

Conservation: Mosquito control people damage the land. Write to Agriculture Dept. Also write about selling parcels of land and the effect to wildlife.

Education: No report.

Investments: No report.

Library: Thanks for the books contributed to Pratt.

Patuxent offers a challenge grant of \$2,000 for the FUNDAECO fund.

Long-range Planning: No report.

Research: Gave \$3,000 to the U of CA to study blood values on 6 water birds. The money was supplemented by the U of CA and DAR.

Sanctuary: No report.

Scholarship: No report.

Atlas: No report.

Cavity Nesting: No report.

May Count: Worcester County needs a coordinator and several counties need to hand in their report.

Nominations: New committee set up and approved.

Publications: Need people to help out with Birdlife.

Yellow Book: Delayed again.

Speaker's List: New Chairman, Gary Griffith.

Old Business: Chan's 50th at Patuxent is being worked on, no date yet. A marker for John Wanuga at Horsehead Trust is being worked on—\$2,000 has been allocated for the marker.

New Business: Glenn Therres would like MOS to act as banker for Partners in Flight. There would be no tax free number to apply for grants. Baltimore Bird Club now has a "home page" in the internet. Talk to Terry Ross. MOS needs Publicity Committee. Need more information about C&O breeding bird survey. There will be an Euology for Dan Folk in the Yellowthroat.

Education Committee Report
 by Linda Bystrak

The Education Committee met at Irish Grove on October 21. The main topic of the meeting was an "information board" that the Sanctuary Committee indicated they would like us to install there, under the pole barn opposite the screened porch. The bulletin board will be 4'x8', framed, and covered on both sides with Plexiglas to prevent vandalism. It will contain a property map, with all trails clearly marked, information on MOS, a brief history of the Irish Grove Sanctuary, samples of local marsh plants, a bird list, and information and photos in memory of Gladys Cole, an Irish Grove enthusiast who passed away in September of 1995. The Education Committee is looking for a local person to take charge of the project. All materials and labor will be paid for by the Committee. If any of the MOS membership is willing to take on the project, or to act as designer, advisor, or information-gatherer for the displays, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Also discussed was the need for 2 or 3 more long picnic tables, with separate benches, to be used for educational programs at Irish Grove. Again, the Committee will pay for materials, but willing and able labor is needed.

Also on the agenda was a discussion of the purchase of a computer program called "The Multimedia Bird Book," designed for children aged 6 through 12. It includes a multitude of ornithology activities, a newsletter format, pictures of 60 species of birds, and an accompanying audio selection for each. We voted to purchase one copy for \$56 and to make it available to MOS members by request. The program requires an IBM-compatible or Macintosh personal computer, with a double-speed CD ROM drive, 4-8 MB of RAM, a sound card, a super-VGA graphics adapter and monitor, MS Windows 3.1 or higher, or System 7 or higher (on the Macintosh). Teachers who are interested in using this software in their classroom should call (410) 392-5621.

Several MOS members have expressed positive opinions about the video "Bird," which was sent to all 24 school districts in Maryland, as a gift from MOS. It was also suggested that the Education Committee purchase more copies for the larger school systems. An extra copy is available for MOS members to borrow by calling (410) 392-5621.

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MOS Research Grants Guidelines

by David Brinker

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Education Committee

The Education Committee has gained two new members: Ken Dryer, a teacher from Cecil County, and Peter Hanan, a member of the Anne Arundel Chapter of MOS. The Committee now has 10 active members but there are still eight chapters who have not yet appointed anyone.

Two MOS Chapters have already received their 1995-96 Education Grants of \$200. They have purchased copies of "Audubon Adventures" for classrooms in their counties. This program costs \$35 per classroom, includes 32 newsletters 6 times per year, in addition to student patches and classroom posters. The program is intended for grades 4-6. The Kent Chapter has requested \$50 of their \$200 to pay for a raptor program at a local elementary school. This is the same program to which we gave a start-up grant of \$200 last year, sponsored by the Horsehead Nature Center in Grasonville, MD.

All Chapters should remember that April 1, 1996 is the deadline for this year's grant requests for the \$200 Chapter grants for ornithology education.

MOS research grants encourage ecological and conservation research on birds in Maryland. Graduate school projects, projects which involve volunteers, and proposals which are not normally funded through traditional academic, governmental or professional sources are of most interest. Projects which are funded from a variety of sources are strongly encouraged, but grants are open to all levels of researchers from amateurs to graduate students to professionals.

Proposals are accepted throughout the year, but reviewed only twice annually. To meet review deadlines, proposals must be submitted by December 1 or June 1. Selections will be made by 1 February or 1 August, depending upon the review period, and announced shortly thereafter. Late or time sensitive proposals are eligible for unawarded funds, if any, or may be considered along with new proposals at the next review, at the discretion of the chair.

The number of grants awarded varies each year depending upon the number of entries and the amount of the grants. The combined value of all grants seldom exceeds \$3,000, but may range from a few hundred, up to one or two thousand dollars. Well presented multi-year requests may be considered.

Grants support relatively modest requests to defray the expense of short life items such as expendable equipment, travel, food, lodging, communications costs, laboratory costs, etc., and are usually awarded to individuals. Grants are not intended for major expenses, such as capital equipment (binoculars), student stipends or administrative overhead. Any long-life equipment purchased with the grant must be turned over to a public sector

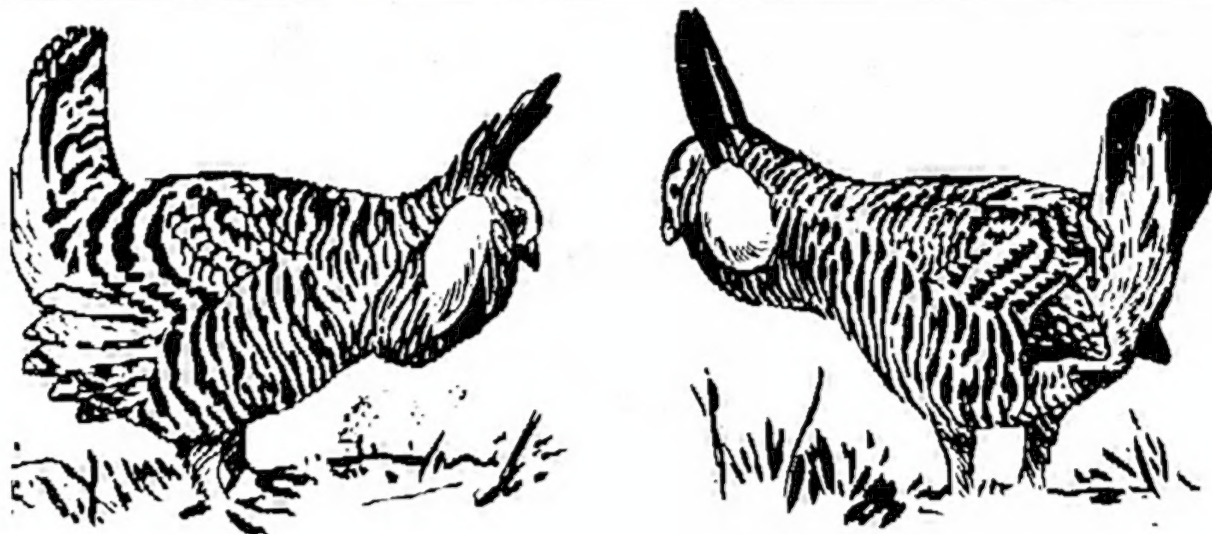
custodian upon completion of the study. Grants may not be used for studies already completed, or to replace funds already promised to a researcher.

Proposals should contain a thorough but concise description of the study. Items usually included are:

- 1) Introduction;
- 2) Objectives, including the research questions;
- 3) Justification, i.e., why the research questions are important;
- 4) Location, i.e., where the research will be conducted;
- 5) Methods, including a timeline. Provide sufficient detail for an evaluation of the study's validity and potential for success;
- 6) Literature Review, written in sufficient detail to demonstrate an awareness of previous work in the project area and to help justify the need for the study;
- 7) Relevant Literature, i.e., a bibliography; and
- 8) Budget, written in sufficient detail to demonstrate how the funds will be used. This section is mandatory.

Five copies of the proposal are to be sent to the Research Committee chair: David Brinker, MD DNR Wildlife Division, P. O. Box 68, Wye Mills, MD 21679

A written report of the study results must be submitted to the Research Committee within one year of completion of the project. Grant recipients also will be asked to give a presentation at a MOS annual conference or submit a paper to Maryland Birdlife prior to publishing results elsewhere.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Junior Duck Stamp Contest Material

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program is designed to teach wetlands and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. Working through school arts coordinators, the program teaches students about critical conservation issues and encourages those students to enter their duck stamp designs into this annual adjunct to the Federal Duck Stamp Program. This year's contest closes on March 15, 1996. For free copies of the curriculum guide, a Junior Duck Stamp video, and full-color announcements of the program, please contact:

Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Federal Duck Stamp Office
1849 C Street, NW, Room 2058
Washington, DC 20240

Please share this announcement with any teachers you may know!

Delmarva Birding Weekends

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will be sponsoring trips to the Chesapeake Bay's Eastern Shore in spring and fall of 1996. To get on the mailing list to receive information about specific trips, programs, dates, and registration, send a note to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Tawes State Office Building E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401-9914, listing your name, address and telephone number. Also indicate whether you are most interested in birdwatching, photography, hiking, boat trips, canoeing, or family programs, and whether you would favor one, two, or three day trips (you should note if you are not sure or if you live in the Delmarva area). Some of the planned trips include prowling for owls, searching for black rails, birding by bicycle, and stalking migrating shorebirds, and the very first trip dates have now been announced: April 27 & 28; May 11 & 12 — Migratory and nesting birds, including Peregrine Falcons, Wood Duck, Bald Eagles, shorebirds, and many species of waterfowl. Delaware will also be hosting several birding events during the Delmarva Birding Weekends, carrying the weekends into the fall: May 5 — Warblers; May 18 & 19 — Shorebirds; September 21 & 22 — Hawks; and November 2 — Waterfowl.

Migratory Bird Management Workshop in Maryland

The Chesapeake Audubon Society and the Maryland Partners in Flight working group are sponsoring the first annual Migratory Bird Management citizens workshop for the State of Maryland on Saturday, January 27, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitors Center. Topics to be covered range from land use trends to models of migratory bird conservation projects. All participants will receive the recently published "Maryland Migratory Bird Citizens' Guide." The workshop will provide you with the information, tools and resources needed to conserve migratory birds. An \$8.00 registration fee covers materials, continental breakfast and lunch. For additional information and a registration form, contact Susan Carlson (202) 543-9080.

Maryland Partners In Flight Patches Available

Maryland Partners In Flight patches are available for purchase for \$3.50 each (price includes postage and handling). The patches are 3.5 inches in diameter and feature the MD PIF logo in black, white, and orange; they can be sewn or easily ironed onto hats, jackets, or whatever! Please send your name, address, and a check made out to MOS to Carey Rowsom, Tropical Rainforest, National Aquarium in Baltimore, 501 E. Pratt Street, Pier 3, Baltimore, MD 21201.



MOS CALENDAR*(continued from page 1)*

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Feeder Tour. Morning tour of three homes in Harford County for feeder watcher and socializing. Space limited. For further information and reservations, call Bill McIntosh at 410-734-6517 by Wednesday, January 10. Make-up date is Saturday, January 20.

Thursday, January 18

MEETING. Caroline. "Snake River Country" by Dr. Robert Trevor. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. Meeting Room, 24820, Meeting House Road (Business Rt. 404, West), Denton, MD.

MEETING. Jug Bay. "Galapagos" by Greg Kearns. 7:00 p.m. at the two story house at Patuxent River Park. For further information, call 301-627-6074.

Saturday, January 20

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Conowingo Dam. Gulls, waterfowl, and winter birds. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Busch's Chesapeake Inn parking lot on the south side of Rt. 50 about 3 miles west of the Bay Bridge on Busch's Frontage Road. For further information, contact the leader, Sue Ricciardi, at 410-647-9513.

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Mystery Winter Trip. Time and destination to be announced. For further information, contact the leader, Kathie Lambert, at 410-867-4056.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Conowingo Dam and Cecil County. Thousands of gulls, possibly some rarities, as well as waterfowl, raptors and eagles. Wear warm clothing and boots. Telescopes useful. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the White Marsh Mall at light pole 16 on NE side of Sears. For further information, contact the leader, Gene Scarpulla, at 410-821-0575.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Great Gull Trek. Lesser Black-backed Gulls likely; Iceland, Glaucous and Yellow-legged possible. All levels welcome - gull I.D. coaching available for the gull-shy. Meet in parking lot adjacent to Haines Point miniature golf course on Ohio Drive at 1:00 p.m. Bring scope. Reservations required. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Howard Elitzak at 703-528-3848.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Winter field trip to wherever the birds are. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride located at I-70 and MD 65 near the MVA. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Keedy, at 301-733-7708.

Sunday, January 21

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Baltimore Harbor. Afternoon trip in search of bay ducks, Black-crowned Night-Heron, and Short-eared Owl. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Park & Ride at I-95 and MD 152 (Joppatowne exit). For further information, contact the leader, Mark Johnson, at 410-692-5978.

Monday, January 22

MEETING. Wicomico. "The Use of Native Plant Materials in Cultural Landscapes" by Ilya Fleishman. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Salisbury.

Tuesday, January 23

MEETING. Patuxent. Program TBA. Meet 7:45 p.m. at Bio Science Building, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

MEETING. Washington. Pot luck dinner and bring your won slides. 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Aetna Nature Center, Hagerstown. For further information, contact Dave Weesner at 301-432-7718.

Saturday, January 27

Gull Day All-day extravaganza for gull fanatics censusing gulls at landfills and other hot spots throughout the region. If you feel competent and interested or would simply like to accompany an expert, contact Gene Scarpulla at 410-821-0575

FIELD TRIP. Kent. Feeder Watch at the home of Stan & Pat Wilson, 9:00 a.m. For further information, contact Clara Ann Simmons at 410-778-2483.

Friday, February 2

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Birds of Newfoundland" by Ellen Lawler. 8:00 p.m. at The Media Center, Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis.

Saturday, February 3

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bradenbaugh Flats. Morning trip for pipits, larks, winter sparrows, and waterfowl. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 1/4-mile west of Madonna Road on MD 23. If canceled, the makeup date will be Sunday, February 11. For further information, contact the leader, Dennis Kirkwood, at 410-692-5905.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Ocean City to Broadkill Marsh. Wintering waterfowl, gulls, terns, shorebirds. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Ocean City Inlet parking lot. Bring scope. Reservations required. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, John Bjerke at 301-963-8525.

Sunday, February 4

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Feeder Watch. Details in winter newsletter. Meet at 11:00 a.m. at Busch's Chesapeake Inn parking lot on the south side of Rt. 50 about 3 miles west of the Bay Bridge on Busch's Frontage Road. For further information, contact the leader, Peter Hanan, at 410-721-2658.

Tuesday, February 6

MEETING. Baltimore. "How Would You Know It's Different? Brown Birds Revisited" by David Holmes. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

Thursday, February 8

MEETING. Howard. "Exotic Island Birds: From Here to There" by Hank Kaestner. 8:00 p.m. at Longfellow Elementary School, Columbia. For further information, contact Dave Harvey at 410-795-3117.

MEETING. Montgomery. "The Habitat Benefits of Piping Plover Management on Assateague Island" by Karene Motivans. 8:00 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD. For further information, contact Lou DeMouy at 301-656-3146.

Saturday, February 10

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. New Design Road and Lilypons. For Horned Larks, Lapland Longspurs, sparrows and hawks. Telescopes useful. Some walking in exposed, cold, windy fields; wear warm clothing and boots. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Security Boulevard Park & Ride at the east end of I-70. For further information, contact the leader, Jim Wilkinson, at 410-381-9250.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Conowingo Dam Gull Watch. Possible species include Lesser Black-backed, Iceland, and Common Black-headed Gulls. Meet at Fisherman's Park anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. For further information, contact Dave Webb at 410-569-0107.

Sunday, February 11

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Eastern Neck NWR for wintering waterfowl. For further information, contact the leaders, Mary O'Leary, at 410-798-6905, or Bobby Reichwein, at 410-451-2671.

Wednesday, February 14

MEETING. Carroll. "Birds of the Bahamas" by Tony White. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College. For further information, contact Dave Hudgins at 410-374-5764.

Thursday, February 15

MEETING. Caroline. "Birding in Siberia" by Sam Droge. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. Meeting Room, 24820, Meeting House Road (Business Rt. 404, West), Denton, MD.

Saturday-Monday, February 17-19

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Winter Weekend. Destination to be announced. For further information, contact the leader, Peter Hanan, at 410-721-2658.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. PRESIDENTS' BIRTHDAY WEEKEND (Joint trip with ANS). Delmarva Peninsula - Ocean City, MD, to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Reservations required. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Paul DuMont at 703-931-8994.

Saturday, February 17

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cape Henlopen to Ocean City. Trip to Delaware coast and Ocean City in search of winter seabirds. Scoters, Oldsquaw, Brant, Purple Sandpipers, Red-throated Loons, and Gannets are likely. Possibilities include eiders, Harlequin Ducks, and rare gulls. All-day trip with fast-food meal stops. Telescopes useful. Meet 7:00 a.m. at Nursery Road - Hammonds Ferry Road Park & Ride at Beltway Exit 8. Optional meeting place: Cape May-Lewes Ferry parking lot at 9:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Waterfowl at Liberty Reservoir. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Hudgins, at 410-374-5764.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Maryland & Delaware Shoreline. Possible species include gannet, sea ducks, and Purple Sandpiper. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the MD 155/I-95 commuter lot (Havre de Grace exit). All-day trip; scopes recommended. For further information, contact the leader, Les Eastman, at 410-734-6969.

Wednesday, February 21

MEETING. Allegany. "The Black Eagle And Their Prey In The Matoho National Park, Zimbabwe" by Dr. Ron Barry, Frostburg State University. 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Building, 108 Washington St., Cumberland. For further information, contact Gwen Brewer at 301-689-1150.

Saturday, February 24

NESTING BOX WORKSHOP. Harford. Pre-order from four different rough-cut, cedar designs, then assemble your box at Conowingo Visitors Center located next to Conowingo Dam. Fee charged for materials. Call Randy Robertson at 410-273-9029 no later than Friday, February 2 for information/orders.

FIELD TRIP. Kent. Feeder Watch at the home of Shirley & Vernon Stotts. For directions call 410-827-8152.

Monday, February 26

MEETING. Wicomico. "The Otter Relocation Project" by Bill Perry. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Salisbury.

Tuesday, February 27

MEETING. Patuxent. Topic TBA by Daniel Boone. Meet 7:45 p.m. at Bio Science Building, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Friday, March 1

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Butterflies - Up Close" by Hal Wierenga. 8:00 p.m. at The Media Center, Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis.

DINNER MEETING. Harford. "The Harford Land Trust" by Dennis Miller. 6:15 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church, MD 22 & MD 136. For further information, call 410-692-5978.

Saturday, March 2

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Baltimore Harbor. Wintering waterfowl, gulls and ? Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Harbor Hospital Center south parking lot off Hanover Street just south of the bridge. For further information, contact the leader, Mark Pemburn, at 410-467-4737.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bombay Hook. All-day trip to Delaware Bay refuges for wide variety of birds, from waterfowl to field birds. Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the MD 155/I-95 commuter lot (Havre de Grace exit). For further information, contact the leader, John Wortman at 410-939-3146.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Black Hill Regional Park. Waterfowl, land birds. 1/2 day. Meet at the visitor center at 8:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Rob Gibbs at 301-253-6903.

Sunday, March 3

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Kent Island, Queen Anne County. Late waterfowl, early migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Busch's Chesapeake Inn parking lot on the south side of Rt. 50 about 3 miles west of the Bay Bridge on Busch's Frontage Road. For further information, contact the leader, Wafi Rains, at 410-573-0352.

Tuesday, March 5

ANNUAL MEETING. Baltimore. "Expresso Brazil" by Dave Harvey. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

Saturday, March 9

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Eastern Neck NWR & Horsehead Natural Center. All-day trip to Kent County hotspots for swans, diving ducks, and migrant landbirds. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the MD 155/I-95 commuter lot (Havre de Grace exit). For further information, contact the leaders, Larry & Jean Fry at 410-452-8539.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Jug Bay. (Joint trip with ANS) Highlights may include Rusty Blackbird, migrating Common Snipe and courtship display of Osprey. 1/2 day. Meet at 8 a.m. Reservations required. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, John Bjerke at 301-963-8525.

Sunday, March 10

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Loch Raven. Waterfowl and land birds; Bald Eagle, Bluebirds, Fox Sparrow possible. Telescopes useful. Two-mile level walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the Timonium Park & Ride lot. For further information, contact the leader, Steve Simon, at 410-628-1929.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Spring Waterfowl at Piney Run Park. Bill Kulp will lead this easy walk around the park and view the late wintering waterfowl and early spring migrants. Meet at the gate to Piney Run Park (Martz Road) at 8:00 a.m. For further information, contact Bill at 410-775-2264.

Tuesday, March 12

MEETING. Kent. "Terns" by Claudia Wilds. 7:30 p.m. at the Kent County Library in Chestertown. For further information, contact Clara Ann Simmons at 410-778-2483.

Wednesday, March 13

MEETING. Allegany. Speaker TBA. 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Building, 108 Washington St., Cumberland. For further information, contact Gwen Brewer at 301-689-1150.

MEETING. Carroll. "Spring on the American Prairie" by Dr. Robert Trevor. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College. For further information, contact Dave Hudgins at 410-374-5764.

Thursday, March 14

MEETING. Howard. "Sora Research at Jug Bay" by Greg Kearns. 8:00 p.m. at Longfellow Elementary School, Columbia. For further information, contact Dave Harvey at 410-795-3117.

Friday, March 15

MEETING. Montgomery. MCC/MOS Social. 8:00 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD. For further information, contact Lou DeMouy at 301-656-3146.

Saturday, March 16

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Sands Road, Anne Arundel County for Woodcocks. For further information, contact the leader, Eileen McClellan, 410-626-8905.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Centennial Lake, Columbia. Half day trip for early waterfowl and other early migrants and lingering winter residents. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the tennis courts at Centennial Lake. For further information, contact the leader, Burton Alexander, at 410-381-5574.

Tuesday-Thursday, March 19-21

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Timberdoodle Watch. Dusk outings for displaying American Woodcock. Meet at 5:45 p.m. in front of Pier One in the Festival Shopping Center, MD 24 and Bel Air South Parkway. For further information contact Harold Boling at 410-638-5315.

Thursday, March 21

MEETING. Caroline. TBA by L. T. Short. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. Meeting Room, 24820, Meeting House Road (Business Rt. 404, West), Denton, MD.

Saturday, March 23

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Southern Maryland - Charles County Loop. Waterfowl, woodpeckers, sparrows and early migrants. Meet at 7 a.m. at Charlestown Center. Limit to 12 people. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, George Jett at 301-843-3524.

Sunday, March 24

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Fossil Field Trip. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Greene St., US 220 south Park & Ride. The leader is R.W. Twigg. For further information, contact Gwen Brewer at 301-689-1150.

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Baltimore Zoo. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Parole Plaza parking lot, on the Riva Road side next to the cemetery.

For further information, contact the leader, Larry Zoller, at 410-647-9354.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Morning trip for possible Horned Grebe, Pine Warbler, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and bay ducks. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the post's MD 24 gate. For further information, contact the leader, Les Eastman at 410-734-6969.

Monday, March 25

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING. Wicomico. "Gardening for Hummingbirds and Butterflies" by Glenn Benedict. This meeting will be held at the Wicomico Presbyterian Church beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish large enough to serve eight people. This special program will feature Glenn Benedict, landscape designer, from Benedict's Gardens speaking on how we can make our home gardens a haven for hummingbirds and butterflies.

Tuesday, March 26

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Adelaide Rackemann, at 410-823-4709.

MEETING. Patuxent. Topic TBA by Daphne Gemmill. Meet 7:45 p.m. at Bio Science Building, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Saturday-Sunday, March 30-31

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Eastern Shore Weekend to see late winter waterfowl, raptors and early spring arrivals, especially herons and shorebirds. Rough-legged Hawk and Short-eared Owl possible. Telescopes useful. For further information, contact the leader, Steve Sanford, at 410-922-5103.

Saturday, March 30

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Field trip to Garrett County Ponds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Parkside School. Bring lunch and a beverage. Please bring a scope if you have one. For further information, contact Gwen Brewer at 301-689-1150.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run Park. Wintering and early spring migrant waterfowl and land birds. Hilly lakeside walk. Telescopes useful. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the entrance gate. For further information, contact the leader, Burton Alexander, at 410-381-5574.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Birding the National Zoo. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride at MD 97 just south of MD 26 (Old Liberty Rd.) for a day trip to the Washington, DC National Zoo. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Ringler, at 410-549-6031.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Eden Mill. Scenic location along Deer Creek for migrant songbirds. Morning trip meets at 7:00 a.m. at the parking lot off Eden Mill Road, just west of Fawn Grove Road. For further information, contact the leader, Randy Robertson at 410-273-9029.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Surprise Trip! Meet at the Shady Grove Metro at 8 a.m. Destination to be revealed at meeting place. Bring lunch. Limited to 10 people. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Robert Hilton at 301-270-1740.

Sunday, March 31

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion.

MOS CALENDAR

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Saturday-Monday, December 30-January 1

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. New Years at the Beach. Waterfowl and other wintering birds will be abundant on the Eastern Shore over the holiday. Limited accommodations available. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Ringler, at 410-549-6031.

Friday, January 5

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Conservation Issues in Brazilian Rainforest" by Rich Dolesh. 8:00 p.m. at The Media Center, Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis.

Saturday, January 6

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Conowingo Gull Watch. Possible species include Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous, and Common Black-headed Gulls, along with numerous Bald Eagles. Meet at the Fisherman's Park observation platform anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Webb, at 410-569-0107.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Waterfowl Quest. Search of local reservoirs and rivers for wintering ducks, geese and gulls. 1/2 day. Final locations will depend on weather. For further information, contact the leader, Paul Pisano at 703-685-3790.

Sunday, January 7

MEETING. Baltimore. Covered Dish Supper. 5:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion. Lecture follows - "From the Puna to the Chaco in Northwest Argentina" by Hank Kaestner. Register by Thursday, Jan 4 with Mary Byers at 410-686-7294.

Thursday, January 11

MEETING. Howard. "Breeding Bird Atlas Findings: Surprises and Confirmations" by Kathy Klimkiewicz of the Patuxent Research

Center. 8:00 p.m. at Longfellow Elementary School, Columbia. For further information, contact Dave Harvey at 410-795-3117.

MEETING. Montgomery. "Sora Rail Research at Jug Bay" by Greg Kearns. 8:00 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD. For further information, contact Lou DeMouy at 301-656-3146.

Friday-Monday, January 12-15

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. North Carolina Outer Banks. Loons, gannets, wintering ducks and shorebirds, alcids and less common gulls possible. Reservations required. For further information and motel reservations, contact the leader, Frank Witebsky at 301-871-7990.

Friday, January 12

MEETING. Harford. "Birds Of North Central Wyoming" by Dave Ziolkowski. 7:00 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church, MD 22 & MD 136. For further information, call 410-692-5978.

Saturday, January 13

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. McKee Beshers WMA. Possible Long-eared and Saw-Whet Owls. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Busch's Chesapeake Inn parking lot on the south side of Rt. 50 about 3 miles west of the Bay Bridge on Busch's Frontage Road. For further information, contact Peter Hanan at 410-721-2658.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lancaster County, PA. All-day trip to Pennsylvania in search of Horned Larks, Rough-legged Hawks, and rarities. 8 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Steve Sanford, at 410-922-5103.

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The copy deadline for the March/April issue of the Yellowthroat is January 25 for chapter activities and February 1 for all other submissions.

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